

REMARKS

Prior to the examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants are submitting a new specification and formal drawings and a copy of a signed declaration as filed in the prior application. The specification has been amended to provide U.S. patent numbers for applications that have been granted as well as to correct format and typographical errors. Otherwise, the new specification and drawings do not contain any subject matter that would have been new matter in the prior application.

In the claims, claims 1-9 and 16-20 are canceled by this preliminary amendment as being previously restricted by the Office as Groups One and Three, respectively. Thereby, applicants are submitting for examination Group Two claims 10-15 in this divisional application.


If it is determined that a telephone conversation will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number given below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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